REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above amendments and allowance.

Applicants' representatives acknowledge the courtesies extended by Examiner Luong during the telephonic interview on October 4, 2005, during which Examiner Luong indicated that the above amendments to claims 11 and 20 would obviate the present rejections based on the presently known art. As discussed, none of the art of record nor any combination thereof, is believed to teach or suggest the claims as amended herein.

Support for the present claim amendments and new claims 27 - 30 can be found in the original specification at, at least, for example, page 11, original claims 19 and 26, and Figure 4.

The presently amended claims do not raise the issue of new matter.

The amendments to the claims place the claims in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above claims, withdrawal of all rejections and objections, and issuance of a notice of allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable over the art as applied in the Office Action.

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Applicants have sought to address all matters in an effort to place their application in condition for an allowance. Applicants request consideration and a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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